

MINUTES
EASTHAM 400 COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE (Virtual)
April 26, 2021

Members: Jim Russo, Tom Ryan, Sylvia Sullivan, Sharon Krause, Janine Orsenigo, Peter Dibble, Deb DeJonker-Berry

Others in attendance: Mary Shaw, Patty Donohoe, Karen Kollar, Sue Moynihan
Mike Caliri facilitated for the town.

Chair's report:

Jim opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Jim received word from the DPW that a plaque was stolen from First Encounter. An on-site search revealed that both monuments were in place and intact. He then was presented a wooden plaque from Karen Rinaldo and Kevin Doyle fashioned from a piece of wood from the shallop restoration that is taking place at Lowell's Boat Shop. He is looking for an appropriate place for display.

Secretary's report: A motion to approve the December 4, 2020 minutes was made by Peter and seconded by Janine. All approved. Notes from the February meeting are not official minutes as there was no quorum. Tom questioned a reference in those minutes to continue as a committee through 2021 but that will be up to the Selectmen. Jim explained that many of the events are happening through our partners, so continuing as a formal group is still in question.

Treasurer's report: Deb reported the following:

Gift Fund:	400 Appropriations: (\$45,000)
Expenses: \$6,528	Expenses: \$35,776
Revenue: \$19,843	Available balance: \$9,234
Balance: \$13,315	

Any remaining monies from our appropriation will probably go to memorials, displays, exhibits, etc. This issue will be placed on the agenda and there will be further discussion at the next meeting. Jim feels it is the committee's responsibility to designate where the funds be directed but the Selectmen will have the final say on this subject and future sales of merchandise.

Publicity/Public Relations: Tom reported on the successful Samuel Treat Day activities through the Library, the committee's principal partner. The day's events consisted of a panel discussion, a talk by David Silverman, and walks at many of the historical sites. All the events had very good attendance. He also spoke of the 400th anniversary of the Billington boy's story. Several events will happen at the Eastham and Hyannis Public Libraries. A story walk, which will consist of 12-13 panels in Portuguese and English, will relate to the Billington story for families to view. Children will help by contributing to the artwork. Eastham Historical Society's Eileen Seaboldt, a direct descendant of the Billington boy, Yarmouth Society Marie Zahn, and Ron Petersen from Orleans met with Tom to discuss other story-telling possibilities.

Deb expressed her gratification with the partnerships and everyone's contribution. The short version of Ian Saxine's book is now bilingual, English and Portuguese. John Hanlon is distributing the hard copy of this book to local schools, colleges, etc. Nate Gordon is recording an audio book version and Marianne Sinopoli will also make contributions.

Commemoratives: Jim reported that the merchandise will be available at the Chamber information booth, and also available year-round at select locations. Both the Chamber and the 400 Committee will be represented at the EHS white elephant and plant sale. He is looking for places during the next year to keep the sales going.

Memorial Site: Superintendent Silvio Genao from the DPW is looking into the 1395 Samoset Road location as a new memorial site. A presentation needs to be given to the Conservation Commission.

Partners:

Cape Cod Seashore: Sue reported that a new Mayflower Compact display at Pilgrim Heights and the "Pilgrim's search for fresh water" exhibit at Head of the Meadow bike trail. 2 new Skiff Hill area exhibits reflecting Wampanoag culture are being finalized for the summer. It is the Seashore's hope that programming will loosen up this summer, in any case, it will mostly be held outdoors. They are all looking forward to a busy season. She also mentioned that any organization can use the amphitheater for outdoor gatherings, with prior approval. In the 2020 season, the seashore was in the top ten of most visited sites in the country.

Eastham Historical Society: Patty gave the date for the Plant sale as June 6th and a rain date of the 13th, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Swift-Daley House. On Thursday, July 29th there will be an antique show at the Schoolhouse Museum. No inside presentations will be held but instead presentations will be aired on Lower Cape TV. They will be presented every Thursday night starting in July until the end of summer. She also reported that they would like to open up the museum on Tuesdays for limited hours. She talked about communication from a person who is interested in marking/memorializing Governor Thomas Prence's homestead and was looking for ideas.

Nauset Interfaith Association: Tom related that the group has been very pleased with their connection to the Eastham 400 activities and will continue to do a Sunrise Service, annually at First Encounter only to be canceled in the case of another pandemic. They feel the ceremony needs to be kept in the public eye.

Eastham Painters Guild: A mural, which will eventually be housed on the side of the Superette, will be initiated on July 3rd, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. when the public is invited to paint on the tiles. The mural will be assembled on July 10th at a public ceremony. The guild still has Eastham 400 Commemorative note cards available.

Monument: Tom heard from John Hanlon that his youth group is still working on suggested wording for the plaque outside of Town Hall.

Website: Eventually, the site will be turned over to the library, as committee work comes to an end.

Adjournment: Tom made a motion to adjourn, Janine seconded. All approved.
The next meeting is on June 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Krause, Secretary